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Dear Bellingham Herald,

I'm excited to join the Bellingham Herald for this internship to showcase my skills in reporting and data analysis to create engaging stories for your readers. It would be an honor to learn from you and fellow staff members.

I've followed your local coverage, from stories on the local government in Bellingham to your reporting on weather events in the area. I was impressed by the paper's commitment to its local readers and the lengths it will go to inform the Bellingham community. I'm passionate about covering a local community and working on stories that matter to them. Especially about Bellingham, since I have visited Whatcom County a couple of times.

At the University of Florida, I've been preparing for this next step in my journalism career by working as a metro reporter at the student newspaper, the Independent Florida Alligator, attending NICAR in Minneapolis, and taking classes in coding and statistics. As a reporter, I've published stories about cutbacks in city bus service and how those cuts have affected area health-care workers and their patients. I also wrote about protests, non-profits and local events in the city of Gainesville.

I'm adept at pairing shoe-leather reporting with data to deliver original stories on deadline. At the student paper, I have used Python and GitHub Actions to automate data collection for stories. My versatility is another plus: I'm comfortable taking photos and capturing audio as needed on reporting assignments. I can bring a strong combination of reporting, data analysis and multimedia storytelling to this role. I look forward to hearing from you and appreciate your time and consideration.

Best regards,
Alanna Robbert